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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Dwayne Bowman and Joel R. Spiegel ("ASSIGNORS"), having post office addresses of 20511 Lagoon Drive, Cornelius, North Carolina 28031; and 14026 227th Avenue NE, Woodinville, Washington 98072, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "IDENTIFYING THE ITEMS MOST RELEVANT TO A CURRENT QUERY BASED ON ITEMS SELECTED IN CONNECTION WITH SIMILAR QUERIES," as described and claimed in the specification for which a continuation-in-part application for United States letters patent was filed on May 2, 2001 and assigned Application No. 09/847,954; this application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/665,822 filed September 20, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/041,081 filed March 10, 1998 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,185,558, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/033,824 filed March 3, 1998, now abandoned.

WHEREAS, Amazon.com, Inc. ("ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 1200 12th Avenue S., Seattle, Washington 98144, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention and in and to any patents that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations, or extensions thereof, any other inventions described in the application, and any and all patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be issued for the invention, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from

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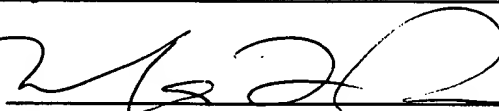
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Dated

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Signature of
Notary Public



Printed Name

Mary L. Spann

My appointment expires

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Date

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated

September 10, 2001

Signature of

Notary Public

Charmaine Robles Velasco

Printed Name

Charmaine Robles Velasco

My appointment expires

June 19, 2005

